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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Examiner : TO BE ASSIGNED

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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INCLUDING
PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

This filing is responsive to to the FORMALITIES LETTER of 1/31/01. The response is filed within the 2 month period granted. The formalities letter requested the provision of a substitute specification and substitute drawings. Applicant herewith responds to this office action by providing the substitute specification and the substitute drawings. Included with each is an affidavit stating that the substitutes are replacement formal specifications and drawings and add no new matter. Further, Applicant includes in this response a preliminary amendment which adds additional claims to the 1 claim which was filed with the original case. Applicant requests that this amendment be filed with the papers in this case, duly entered, and that prosecution begin with the claims as amended. Along with the preliminary amendment, applicant submits two sample label sheets having "loop 'n stick" labels which examiner can use to try out the invention and better understand how the invention works, its suggested novelty and unexpected behavior, and its application.

Further, Applicant has included an affidavit stating his intention not to file an international patent application in this case. Therefore, applicant requests that this case remain sealed and confidential and not be published within the 18 month period now allotted to cases which will be filed internationally.

A copy of the notice to file corrected application papers is included in the response along with a return post card and express label procedure statement. This is a no fee response and therefore no fee has been submitted with this response.

Response to office action:

Applicant notes with appreciation the provision of a filing date of 12/12/2000. Applicant herewith submits the enclosed replacement specification. The spelling of two words have been corrected including "na" to "an" on page 4 and "indentations" on page 1. No new matter has been added. The signed affidavit affirms this. Applicant herewith submits the enclosed replacement drawings as formal drawings in triplicate. Applicant has corrected lines for the perforated fold hints which were squewed out of alignment in the informal drawings. This adds no new matter. The signed affidavit affirms this.

Applicant amends claim 1 and amends the specification to include claims 2-xxxxxxx. Applicant submits this as a preliminary amendment and requests that these claims be entered in this case and examined in the first office action. The claims provide for the fuller representation of the invention as provided for in the original specification and cover additional embodiments in addition to the preferred embodiment.

Applicant has included an underlined spec and drawings to show the replacement matter which add no new matter and which have been made in submitting the formal spec and drawings.

Please Amend Claim 1 as follows

1. A sticky loop formed from an adhesive strip of foldable material, said sticky loop having perimeter features including at least three panels, said sticky loop having a front face side and a back face side, said at least three panels including a first fold over panel, a base panel, and a second fold over panel, said at least three panels each having a common edge one with respect to the next, wherein said first fold over panel has a predefined width W1 and common edge with said base panel, said base panel has a predefined width WB and said base panel has a common edge with said second fold over panel, and said second fold over panel has a predefined width W2, [and] said sticky loop having a pressure sensitive adhesive on one of said face and said back side [of adhesive], where [the] said first, base, and second panels are separated by [perf] a fold hint[s] structure comprising a hinge formed as a perforated line having a series of perforations and land areas permitting the

hinge to fold without tearing and where [the]said predefined width of [the]said base panel is wider than [the]said each of said predefined widths of said first fold over panel and said second fold over panel [two side panels] and where the sum of the predefined widths of [the two side panels]said first fold over panel and said second fold over panel is greater than the predefined width of [the]said base panel[s] for permitting said first fold over panel and said second fold over panel to overlap when folded over said fold hint onto said base panel, so that when [the side panels] said first fold over panel and said second fold over panel are folded one onto the other over [the]said base panel in such manner as to place said one side of adhesive on the outer side of said folds, [the]said first fold over panel and said second fold over panel[s] adhere one to the other and thereby form a continuous flat sticky loop of [paper]material [with]having said adhesive on said one side appear on the entire outer surface of said looped structure so formed, for forming a two sided sticky object for attaching two leaves one to the other.

Please add claims 2 and 3

2. A sticky loop formed from an adhesive strip of foldable material, said sticky loop having perimeter features including at least three panels, said sticky loop having a front face side and a back face side, said at least three panels including a first panel, a second panel, and a third panel, said at least three panels each having a common edge one with respect to the next, wherein said first panel has a predefined width W_1 and common edge with said second panel, said second panel has a predefined width W_2 and said second panel has a common edge with said third panel, and said third panel has a predefined width W_3 , said sticky loop having a pressure sensitive adhesive on one of said face and said back side, where said first, second, and third panels are separated by a fold hint structure comprising a hinge formed as a perforated line having a series of perforations and land areas permitting the hinge to fold without tearing,

and where said predefined width of said first panel is substantially said predefined width of said second panel and said predefined width of said third panel is less than either of said predefined widths of said first and said second panel for permitting said first panel to fold over said second panel and said third panel to attach to said first panel when said third panel is folded over said fold hint to adhere with said first panel,

such that when said first panel is folded back over with said adhesive on said one side oriented to be on the outer side of said fold, and said third

panel is folded over so as to adhere to said first panel, said first, said second and said third panels form a continuous flat loop, with said adhesive on said one side showing on the entire outer surface of the looped structure so formed, for providing a two sided sticky object for attaching two leaves, one to the other.

3. A sticky loop formed from an adhesive strip of foldable material, said sticky loop having perimeter features including at least three panels, said sticky loop having a front face side and a back face side, said at least three panels including a first panel, a second panel, and a third panel, said at least three panels each having a common edge one with respect to the next, wherein said first panel has a predefined width W1 and common edge with said second panel, said second panel has a predefined width W2 and said second panel has a common edge with said third panel, and said third panel has a predefined width W3, said sticky loop having a pressure sensitive adhesive on one of said face and said back side, where said first, second, and third panels are separated by a fold hint structure comprising a hinge formed as a perforated line having a series of perforations and land areas permitting the hinge to fold without tearing,

and where said predefined width of said first panel is less than said predefined width of said second panel, and said predefined width of said second panel is less than said predefined width of said third panel for permitting said first panel to fold over said second panel and said second panel to fold over said third panel and to attach to said first panel when said paneled structure is folded over said fold hints, one panel over the next,

such that when said first panel is folded back over with said adhesive on said one side oriented to be on the outer side of said fold, and said second panel is folded over so as to permit said first panel to adhere to said third panel, said first, said second and said third panels form a continuous flat loop, with said adhesive on said one side showing on the entire outer surface of the looped structure so formed, for providing a two sided sticky object for attaching two leaves, one to the other.

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1. A sticky loop formed from an adhesive strip of foldable material, said sticky loop having perimeter features including at least three panels, said sticky loop having a front face side and a back face side, said at least three panels including a first fold over panel, a base panel, and a second fold over panel, said at least three panels each having a common edge one with respect to the next, wherein said first fold over panel has a predefined width

W1 and common edge with said base panel, said base panel has a predefined width WB and said base panel has a common edge with said second fold over panel, and said second fold over panel has a predefined width W2, said sticky loop having a pressure sensitive adhesive on one of said face and said back side, where said first, base, and second panels are separated by a fold hint structure comprising a hinge formed as a perforated line having a series of perforations and land areas permitting the hinge to fold without tearing and where said predefined width of said base panel is wider than said each of said predefined widths of said first fold over panel and said second fold over panel and where the sum of the predefined widths of said first fold over panel and said second fold over panel is greater than the predefined width of said base panel for permitting said first fold over panel and said second fold over panel to overlap when folded over said fold hint onto said base panel, so that when said first fold over panel and said second fold over panel are folded one onto the other over said base panel in such manner as to place said one side of adhesive on the outer side of said folds, said first fold over panel and said second fold over panel adhere one to the other and thereby form a continuous flat sticky loop of material having said adhesive on said one side appear on the entire outer surface of said looped structure so formed, for forming a two sided sticky object for attaching two leaves one to the other.

Respectfully submitted,

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